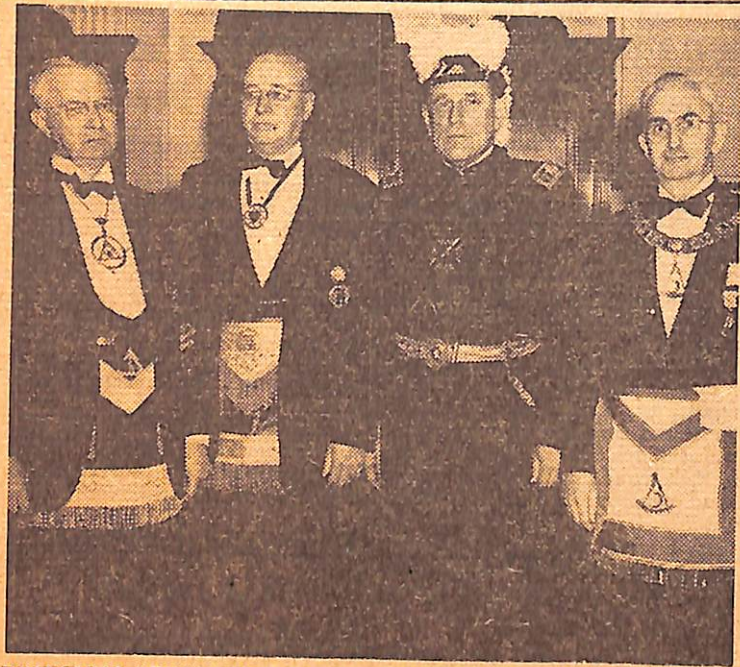


Quincy Masonic Temple
• 13 Temple St.



PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS at the York Rite festival, conducted by South Shore Masonic bodies Friday evening in Quincy Masonic temple, included, left to right, Most Ill. Gardner R. P. Barker, grand master of the grand council, Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts; Most Ex. William F. Clark, grand high priest of the grand Royal Arch chapter of Massachusetts; Rt. Em. Robert G. Wilson, grand commander of the grand Commandery, Knights Templars, and appendant orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and Rt. Wor. Roland D. Seger, district deputy grand master for the 26th Masonic district. The affair, first of its kind to be held on the South Shore, was well attended by Blue lodge Masons.



GUESTS OF HONOR AT MASONIC RITE

Honored guests at a York Rite Festival held last night by Worcester County Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, are (from left) Judge Robert G. Wilson Jr., guest speaker; Dwight C. Page, grand commander of

Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Frank H. Wilson, grand master; and Eugene P. Carver, grand high priest.

Rite bodies, — Chapter, Council, and Commandery, — are composed of your own Brethren, friends, and neighbors. Your closer association with them as "Companions" and "Sir Knights" assures an even warmer and more fraternal basis for lifelong friendships. Opportunity for Masonic service and Masonic office in the York Rite is unlimited; good men are always in demand in the conferring of our beautiful degrees and Orders.

You are cordially invited to join the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery, thus becoming a member of the Capitular, the Cryptic, and the Chivalric bodies of the YORK RITE.

There are no lectures to learn; just one decision, one petition, one check, will start you on the pleasant and enlightening journey to "More Light in Masonry", first as a Companion, and finally as a Sir Knight in the world's greatest Order of Christian Knighthood.



THE YORK RITE BODIES OF MASSACHUSETTS

MASONIC TEMPLE
151 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS



THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY



THE SYSTEM OF FREEMASONRY known as the YORK RITE derives its name from a legendary assembly of Masons in York, England, — possibly the first general assembly of Masons ever held, — long before the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. While some of the Bodies and Degrees originally came to us from England, the York Rite, as we know it here, was fully developed in America, and is largely confined to this country.

The term "YORK RITE", as now established for over 150 years, is generally recognized as consisting of three constituent bodies: the CHAPTER of Royal Arch Masons, the COUNCIL of Royal and Select Masters, and the COMMANDERY of Knights Templar. Together, they teach an integrated story of Ancient Craft Masonry by a series of events, both Biblical and legendary, each body depending to a degree upon the two others for its Masonic background, and all three working harmoniously together in a complete program of Masonic education, — first teaching the ancient Masonic story of the building, destruction, and rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple, and culminating with the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of the Blessed Savior, followed by the later defense of the Christian religion by the Ancient Templars of the Crusades.

All three bodies of the YORK RITE are officially recognized by the Grand Lodge; the degrees are ancient, authentic, and recognized everywhere, and you receive them all, with special and individual attention given each candidate. Advancement in Masonic experience and education is the purpose of the YORK RITE, and the candidate's deep appreciation of his membership is his reward and ours.

The CHAPTER teaches the use of the "Masonic Mark" in what is probably the most ancient of all

Masonic degrees. As candidate, you are present at the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple, and yourself participate in the ceremonies marking this historical event. You learn of the destruction and rebuilding of the Temple, and the recovery of the "Master's Word" for which a Master Mason has only a substitute. Thus the Chapter is recognized as the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry.

The COUNCIL, through its degrees, explains in greater detail many of the circumstances more briefly alluded to in the Chapter, and teaches in beautiful symbolism the virtues of Faith, Friendship, and Fidelity. The Council degrees, often referred to as the "Three Little Jewels", are among the most interesting in all Masonry. The impressive drama of the Super-excellent Degree is one of the most forceful lessons ever taught.

THE COMMANDERY is Masonry's only Order of Christian Knighthood, and brings us out of the Old Testament into the New. Linked to the story of Ancient Craft Masonry by the Order of the Red Cross, the Commandery adopts the traditions, insignia, and symbolism of the Crusades, culminating in the magnificent and deeply impressive Order of the Temple. A military and Christian Order. "*Templary is the New Testament in Masonry*," and Sir Knights are the sworn defenders of the Christian religion.

As a Knight Templar you also become eligible for the "Shrine", an organization not officially a part of any Masonic Rite, but affording Masons an opportunity for the broadest range of close Masonic association, friendship, and social activity.

The complete YORK RITE is available to the Master Mason in a single "Package", combining the interesting story of Ancient Craft Masonry, as well as teachings in the New Testament. Your local York

October 23, 1957

To: GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS and
EMINENT COMMANDERS:

Under date of September 13th a letter was written to you by Rt. Em. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., requesting that you appoint a committee (see quote):

"One other prospective member item. You should at once appoint a Committee of one or more Sir Knights whose duty it will be to place in your hands each month, for listing, the official Lodge, Chapter and Council monthly notices in your area. The names and addresses of these prospects, now actively interested in Masonic progress, should be assigned Sir Knights for prompt contact. I would appreciate the name and address of the Sir Knight in your Commandery responsible for the monthly compiling of this list. This program is independent of any York Rite Night program."

Enclosed you will find a list of Councils and Chapters that come under the Jurisdiction of your Commandery. We hope that you will avail yourselves of the information contained in this list.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

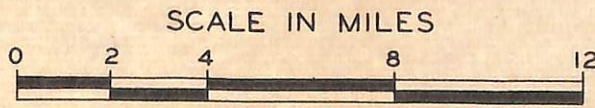
<u>Commandery</u>	<u>Councils</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
1. <u>St. Johns</u>	Providence #1 <u>Adoniram</u> #8 of East Providence <u>Doric</u> #7 of Cranston <u>Narragansett</u> #6 of E. Greenwich, <u>Webb</u> #3 of Warren	<u>Providence</u> #1, <u>Temple</u> #3 of <u>Warren</u> , <u>Hope</u> #6 of Bristol, <u>Scituate</u> #8 of North Scituate, <u>Landmark</u> #10 of West Warwick, <u>Narragansett</u> #11 of E. Greenwich, <u>Gibbs</u> #13 of East Providence, <u>Liberty</u> #14 of Riverside, <u>Harmony</u> #10 of Edgewood, and <u>St. Marks</u> of Taunton
2. <u>Boston</u>	<u>Boston</u> <u>Orient</u> of Somerville	<u>St. Andrews</u> of Boston, <u>St. Paul's</u> of Boston, <u>St. Matthews</u> of South Boston, <u>Dorchester</u> , <u>Mt. Vernon</u> of Roxbury, <u>Roslindale</u> , <u>Norfolk</u> of Hyde Park, <u>Cambridge</u> , <u>Mystic</u> of Medford, <u>Reading</u> , <u>St. Johns</u> of Boston, <u>Signet</u> of Charlestown, <u>Somerville</u> , <u>Belmont</u> , <u>Menotomy</u> of Arlington, and <u>Winthrop</u>
3. <u>Newburyport</u>	<u>Amesbury</u>	<u>King Cyrus</u> of Newburyport and <u>Trinity</u> of Amesbury
4. <u>Washington</u>	<u>De Blois</u> #5	<u>Newport</u> #2, and <u>Aquidneck</u> #9 of Portsmouth
5. <u>Worcester</u> <u>County</u>	<u>Hiram</u>	<u>Worcester</u> , <u>Eureka</u> of Worcester, <u>Tyrian</u> of Millbury, <u>Doric</u> of Southbridge, <u>Webster</u> , and <u>King</u> <u>Solomon</u> of Warren
6. <u>Springfield</u>	<u>Washington</u> <u>Springfield</u> <u>Westfield</u>	<u>Evening Star</u> of Westfield, <u>Morning Star</u> of Springfield, <u>Kingsway</u> of West Springfield, <u>Unity</u> of Chicopee, and <u>Hampton</u> of Palmer
7. <u>De Molay</u>	<u>Boston</u>	Same as #2 -- except Winthrop
8. <u>Holy</u> <u>Sepulchre</u>	<u>Pawtucket</u> #2	<u>Pawtucket</u> #4, <u>Hope</u> #6 of Bristol, <u>Fall River</u> , and <u>St. Marks</u> of Taunton
9. <u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Ahasuerus</u>	<u>Mount Horeb</u> of Lowell, and <u>Bancroft</u> of Ayer
10. <u>Palestine</u>	<u>Winthrop</u>	<u>Bethsaida</u> of Everett, and <u>Shekinah</u> of Chelsea
11. <u>Milford</u>	<u>Milford</u>	<u>Mt. Lebanon</u> of Milford, <u>Miller</u> of Franklin, and <u>St. Elmo</u> of Whitinsville
12. <u>St. Bernard</u>	<u>Boston</u>	Same as #2 -- except Winthrop
13. <u>Calvary</u>	Same as #1	Same as #1

	<u>Commandery</u>	<u>Councils</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
14.	<u>Haverhill</u>	<u>Haverhill</u>	<u>Pentucket</u> of Haverhill
15.	<u>Old Colony</u>	<u>Abington</u>	<u>Pilgrim</u> of Abington, <u>Samoset</u> of Plymouth, <u>Harmony</u> of Bridgewater
16.	<u>Sutton</u>	<u>New Bedford</u> <u>Taunton</u>	<u>Adoniram</u> of New Bedford, <u>Joseph Warren</u> of Provincetown, <u>Fairhaven</u> , <u>Isle of the Sea</u> of <u>Nantucket</u> , <u>Orient</u> of Hyannis, <u>Sylvester Baxter</u> of West Harwich, <u>Vineyard</u> of Vineyard Haven, <u>Wareham</u> , and <u>St. Marks</u> of Taunton
17.	<u>Bethany</u>	<u>Lawrence</u>	<u>Mt. Sinai</u> of Lawrence
18.	<u>Winslow Lewis</u>	<u>Salem</u>	<u>Washington</u> of Salem, <u>Holten</u> of <u>Danvers</u> , <u>Ipswich</u> , <u>Amity</u> of <u>Beverly</u> and <u>Winston</u> of Beverly
19.	<u>Jerusalem</u>	<u>Hiram</u>	<u>Leominster</u> , <u>Bancroft</u> of Ayer, and <u>Thomas</u> of Fitchburg
20.	<u>Hugh dePayens</u>	<u>Melrose</u>	<u>Woburn</u> , <u>Waverly</u> of Melrose, <u>Reading</u> and <u>Winchester</u>
21.	<u>St. Omer</u>	<u>Boston</u>	Same as #2 -- except Winthrop
22.	<u>Berkshire</u>	<u>Berkshire</u>	<u>Berkshire</u> of Pittsfield, and <u>Monument</u> of Great Barrington
23.	<u>Conn. Valley</u>	<u>Titus Strong</u>	<u>Franklin</u> of Greenfield
24.	<u>Woonsocket</u>	<u>Pawtucket #2</u>	<u>Union #5</u> of Woonsocket, and <u>St. Elmo</u> of Whitinsville
25.	<u>Godfrey de</u> <u>Bouillon</u>	<u>Fall River</u> <u>Taunton</u>	<u>Fall River</u> , and <u>St. Marks</u> of Taunton
26.	<u>Joseph Warren</u>	<u>Boston</u>	Same as #2 -- except Winthrop
27.	<u>Narragansett</u>	<u>Narragansett #6</u>	<u>Franklin #7</u> of Hope Valley, <u>Scituate #8</u> of North Scituate, <u>Unity #12</u> of Wakefield
28.	_____	_____	
29.	<u>Bristol</u>	<u>Attleboro</u>	<u>King Hiram</u> of Attleboro, <u>St. Marks</u> of Taunton, <u>Rabboni</u> of North Attleboro, <u>Walter E. Marcy</u> of Seekonk, and <u>Keystone</u> of Foxboro
30.	<u>Northampton</u>	<u>William Parsons</u>	<u>Northampton</u> , <u>Amherst</u> , and <u>James</u> <u>Rogerson</u> of Easthampton

	<u>Commandery</u>	<u>Councils</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
31.	<u>South Shore</u>	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Pentalpha</u> of East Weymouth, and <u>Wompatuck</u> of Hingham
32.	<u>Trinity</u>	<u>Hiram</u>	<u>Clinton</u> and <u>Walden</u> of Concord, <u>Houghton</u> of Marlboro
33.	<u>Natick</u>	<u>Cryptic</u>	<u>Parker</u> of Natick and <u>Concord</u> of Framingham
34.	<u>Coeur deLion</u>	<u>Medford</u>	Same as #2 -- except Winthrop
35.	<u>Gethsemane</u>	<u>Cryptic</u>	<u>Newton</u> and <u>Watertown</u>
36.	<u>Olivet</u>	<u>Zebulum</u>	<u>Sutton</u> of Lynn, <u>Swampscott</u> , and <u>H. J. Mills</u> of Saugus
37.	<u>Athol</u>	<u>Harris</u>	<u>Union</u> of Athol
38.	<u>Bay State</u>	<u>Brockton</u>	<u>Old Colony</u> of Middleboro, <u>Satucket</u> of Brockton, <u>Harmony</u> of Bridgewater and <u>Mt. Zion</u> of Stoughton
39.	<u>Cyprus</u>	<u>Hyde Park</u>	Same as #2 -- except Winthrop
40.	<u>St. Paul</u>	<u>Berkshire</u>	<u>Corinthian</u> of Adams, and <u>Composite</u> of North Adams
41.	<u>Beauseant</u>	<u>Melrose</u>	<u>Tabernacle</u> of Malden, <u>Mystic</u> of Medford, <u>Bethsaida</u> of Everett and <u>Winchester</u>
42.	<u>Cambridge</u>	<u>Cambridge</u>	Same as #2 -- except Winthrop
43.	<u>Bethlehem</u>	<u>Salem</u>	<u>William Ferson</u> of Gloucester
44.	_____	_____	
45.	<u>Orange</u>	<u>Harris</u>	<u>Crescent</u> of Orange
46.	<u>Ivanhoe</u>	<u>Harris</u>	<u>Gardner</u> , <u>North Star</u> of Winchendon
47.	<u>Quincy</u>	<u>Temple</u>	<u>St. Stephens</u> of Quincy, and <u>Mt. Wollaston</u> of Wollaston
48.	<u>Temple</u>	<u>Hyde Park</u>	<u>Hebron</u> of Norwood
49.	<u>St. Andrew</u>	<u>Holyoke</u>	<u>Mt. Holyoke</u> of Holyoke
50.	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Medford</u>	<u>Waverly</u> of Melrose, <u>Woburn</u> , <u>Reading</u> , and <u>Winchester</u>
51.	<u>Thomas Smith Webb</u>	Same as #1	Same as #1
52.	<u>Sir Galahad</u>	<u>Adoniram</u>	<u>Waltham</u> , and <u>Walden</u> of Concord



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The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

ORGANIZED 1805

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

Massachusetts and Rhode Island

GEORGE A. WEEKS, P.G.C.

Grand Recorder

205 MASONIC TEMPLE

BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

Tel.: HAncock 6-1973

To THE EMINENT COMMANDER

November 15, 1957

Eminent and Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of R.E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the Membership Committee of this Grand Commandery K.T., we are enclosing herewith:

Letter No. 1 - Suggested form to be sent by Commanders to Secretaries of the BLUE LODGES, CHAPTERS and COUNCILS when a YORK RITE NIGHT is being sponsored in your area.

Letter No. 2 - Suggested form, flyer or card to be furnished to the Secretaries of the BLUE LODGES, CHAPTERS and COUNCILS, if and when requested. (This form should be furnished by the sponsoring bodies.)

Your HONORED GUESTS - in Massachusetts

Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter
of Massachusetts

Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select
Masters of Massachusetts

Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island (or their representatives)

- in Rhode Island

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ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

Grand Commander

20 BEACON STREET

BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

Tel.: CApitol 7-9110

Dear Eminent Sir:

Your Commandery is numbered among the 24 Commanderies, out of the 51 Commanderies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which already have, or by June 10 will have, participated in one of our so-called York Rite Festivals.

I know you appreciate that only half the task is accomplished, in getting prospective Sir Knights from neighboring Blue Lodges and Chapters to attend these York Rite gatherings, - the easy half.

The really effective half of the job is in closing the sale!

The registration cards obtained from Masonic brethren attending a York Rite meeting, - giving the name, address, and Lodge or Chapter of each registrant, - are only wasted effort unless personal contact is made promptly thereafter.

The Grand Commander writes an individual personal letter to each of these potential Sir Knights. But the real work must be done by the Sir Knights comprising your local Membership Committee, each of whom should be promptly assigned his fair proportion of your prospect list.

Even though potential Templars on your York Rite Night prospect list cannot complete their work by your June conclave, you are urged to obtain and ballot on the signed petitions before the close of the current active Templar year, - before they grow cold!

Yours for 1000,

Grand Commander.



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Mr. John G. Milne

39 Livingston Avenue

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

December 27, 1949

Dear Brother:

Following our very pleasant mutual visit to Berkshire Commandery of Pittsfield on November 29, I am hoping that I may see your name included among applications listed on some early monthly notice of this fine group of Knights Templar.

It has been my extreme good fortune to be rather active in Masonry since I was twenty-one years of age. That now seems a long while back. But during the intervening years I have joined each of the York and Scottish Rite bodies and in 1952 hope to become the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America.

In no organization, however, have I been more deeply impressed than by the Orders of the Temple. Templary is Masonry modernized; it is the New Testament of Masonry. To the Knight Templar, Christmas and Easter Sunday have a significance found nowhere else in all Masonry.

The strong current of events, during your lifetime and mine, and especially those of more recent years, make the unified and powerful influence of an organization pledged to the defense of Christianity now more necessary in America than at any time in our history. Individual belief in the teachings of the Man who died on the Cross, and a deep and abiding distrust of those growing millions in this 20th Century who believe neither in Him nor God Himself, I earnestly believe demands a united front. Each one alone can do so little.

You yourself, and the Christian community in which you live, will both be stronger because of your membership in a Commandery of Knights Templar. I sincerely hope there may be an early favorable decision on your part.

Sincerely,
R. G. Wilson

Grand Commander.

P.S. You have no doubt been advised correctly that there are no Lodges of Instruction incident to these degrees, nor Sodalities, nor ritual to memorize. And a Mason can petition for Commandery membership once he has become a Royal Arch Mason, or even filed his application to join a Chapter.

November 17, 1954

Dear George:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of November 3rd.

In my humble opinion, nothing should prevent any sound plan that will be beneficial to the progress of Templary, and those who throw obstacles in the way of a consolidation of Royal Arch and the Council are motivated by some selfish interest. No doubt a close scrutiny of their objections could easily be traced to Grand Chapter or Grand Council, as it has been my experience that officers of these bodies are more concerned with their own petty opinions and ancient precedents than they are with York Rite Masonry.

The Council, of course, should be obligatory and someone has to start the ball rolling if it is to be done in our time. There will be some objections, of course, by our Hebrew brethren, but I never could understand why they desire membership in the Royal Arch Chapter.

Templary can never meet the competition of Scottish Rite until our York Rite bodies are consolidated under one head, and this is more apparent every day. Anyone who says there is no competition is just fooling himself as I personally run up against it every week of the year and the principal argument is always one head, one secretary, one card.

The first step is Obligatory Council and to accomplish the desired result, they perhaps would have to make every Knight Templar a member of the Council on sight. If they desire to be active members, why they would pay dues; if not, I do not see how the issue could be forced, but all new members would have to be members of the Council.

The second step would be to consolidate the Chapter and Council, and the third step to consolidate all under one supreme head.

Whether or not this is accomplished just depends upon how badly we want it. Nothing in York Rite is impossible. Consider, please, that originally all Degrees, Chapter and Commandery, were once conferred in the Royal Arch Lodge of Boston, which later became St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter.

These are probably harsh words, but I think they are truly the essence of our difficulty. If all of our bodies checked their rosters and took

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disciplinary action under proper section of our Grand Encampment Regulations concerning membership in subordinate bodies, the implication would be greater on Masonry in this state than the present McCarthy investigation in Washington. This could never happen under one head, and we would have better and stronger bodies, minus chisellers. No chain is any stronger than its weakest link.

Sincerely,

Mr. George M. Ellis
575 High Street
Westwood, Massachusetts



Temple Commandery

NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT

Knights Templars

NORWOOD, MASS.

EM. SIR GEORGE M. ELLIS
Recorder

575 HIGH STREET
WESTWOOD, MASS.
DEdham 3-0828-W

November 3, 1954.

Harold A. Budreau,
601 Masonic Temple,
51 Boylston Street,
Boston 16, Mass.

Em. and Dear Harold:

I was glad to hear you speak as you did in Grand Commandery in regard to making the Council obligatory in the York Rite. I have believed this myself for a long time, and feel sure a united effort might bring lasting benefit to all York Rite Bodies.

I heard one of the Past Grand Commander remark that effort has been made in Grand Encampment but some southern members strongly object. It would seem that a change, permissive in nature rather than positive, would overcome such objections, and that those Grand Commanderies who desired might make the Council obligatory in their own jurisdiction.

Assuming we could make this hurdle, is it possible that obligatory Council membership would cost the Commanderies more members than they gained? Most Commanderies are overburdened with members of advanced age, and they might rebel at being required to join the Council, which in many instances they could not attend or enjoy, but they might go along if it was only a question of annual dues. I think most Councils would be willing to accept such Knights Templar who were members of a Commandery on the date the vote was taken to make Council membership obligatory, as affiliates and not require the usual fee for the degrees. Many would be in this class anyway.

The problem needs study, and push, and at the semi-annual some action should be taken so that our Grand Commandery might push this question to a successful conclusion at the triennial next year.

Again complimenting you on a thought which is in the minds of many Masons, I am

Fraternally yours,

Geo. M. Ellis.

BOSTON COMMANDERY

REPORT ON YORK RITE NIGHT - APRIL 13, 1953

<u>Blue Lodge Members</u> - Made reservations and attended	134	
No reservations but attended	<u>60</u>	
Total Present		194
 <u>Chapter Members</u> - Made reservations and attended	26	
- N No reservations but attended	<u>15</u>	
Total		<u>41</u>
Total Prospects who attended		235
 Other Commanderies - Made reservations and attended	29	
No reservations but attended	<u>28</u>	
total		57
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Boston Commandery - Made reservations and attended	20	
No reservations-signed cards	<u>24</u>	
		<u>44</u>
Total Cards Signed		336
Boston Commandery members who probably attended		<u>64</u>
		400

Reservations

Blue Lodge Members who attended	134
Chapter Members Who Attended	26
Boston Commandery Members who attended	20
Other Commandery Members who attended	29
General Reservations - not Yet Classified	<u>358</u>
Boston Commandery Reservations - Not used	<u>104</u>
Total Card Reservations	671
Chanters	29
Boston Guards, Past Commanders, Etc. Expected	<u>40</u>
Total Reservations	740

Lodges

1.	Revere	H.F.Spurr, 20 Hemenway St. Apt. 27, Boston	75
2.	R.C.MacLaurin	W. A. Hokanson, M.I.T., 48 Mass.Ave., Cambridge	300
3.	Macedonian	C.F.Newcomb, 34 Willoughby Rd., Milton	380
4.	Hesperia	John Santoro, Esq., 18 Tremont St., Boston 8	200
5.	Bethseda	W.W.Weeden, 728 Beacon St., Waltham 54	250
6.	Mt. Olivet	H.C.Morey, 17 Harriet Ave., Waverly 79	325
7.	Zetland	E.G.Goodale, Box, Monponsett	108
8.	Fourth Estate	Dugald MacCallum, 42 Quincy St., Arlington	275
9.	Winthrop	A.W.Whitney, 960 Shirley St., Winthrop 52	600
10.	St.Paul's Dorchester	- L. F.Winchell, 11 Fairmount St. Malden 48	110
11.	Gate of Temple	- H.O.Baker, 40 Westmount Ave., W.Roxbury	450
12.	Russell-Arlington	E.R.Moore, 349 Gray St., Arlington	615
13.	Belmont	A.G.Mize, 12 Granklin St., Belmont 78	600
14.	Rabboni	R.P.Lane, 76 Radcliffe St., Dorchester	500
15.	John Abbott	S.E.Nichols, 63 Eustis St., Arlington	630
16.	Wellesley	G.A.Gibson, 45 Brookfield Rd., Wellesley 81	375
17.	The Massachusetts	- G. F. Pierce, 60 Clearway St. Apt. 6, Boston 15	206
18.	Mt. Tabor	H.G.Ray, 16 Cora St., Winthrop 52	125
19.	Prospect	L.V.Stone, 280 Park St., West Roxbury 32	600
20.	Loyalty	O.R.Freeman, 100 Memorial Drive, Cambridge	240
21.	Dorchester	N.W.Hay, 320 Forest St., South Weymouth 90	310
22.	Columbian	H.W. Morgan, 136 Highland Ave., Somerville 43	300
23.	Winslow Lewis	T.O.Paige, 91 Bay State Rd., Boston	35
24.	The Harvard Lodge	- S. L/White, P.O.Box 201, Essex St. Station, Boston 12	100
25.	Joseph Webb	Chester M. Dunham, 2 Chesterbrook Rd., Waltham 54	275
		but send cards to L.H.Lane Co., 67 Batterymach St.	
26.	St.John's	Ira M.Conant, 110 State St., Boston 9	350
27.	Eliot	George F.Oakes, 192 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 16	20
28.	The Lodge of St. Andrew	- B.A.G. Thorndike, 50 Congress St. Boston 9	34
29.	Algonquin	R.H.Hurlburt, 78 Willow Ave., Wollaston	200
30.	Lafayette	Albert E. Richwagen, 279 High St., West Medford	364
31.	Lodge of Eleusis	- Frank A. Pinkham, 68 Washburn Ave., Auburndale	30
32.	Mizpah	Chester W. Whitney, 788 Mass. Ave., Arlington	250
33.	Milton	Everett L. Walker, 44 Cedar Terrace, Milton 86	385
34.	Somerville	Arthur R.Kinder, 26 Josephine Ave., W.Somerville 44	30
35.	Union-Dorchester	- Wendall R.Freemen, 121 Home St., Newton Ctr. 59	400
36.	Joseph Warren	F.M.Ryder, 55 Howe St., Milton 86	224
37.	Boston University Lodge	D.L.Pallian, 27 Elmwood St., Maynard, Mass. 300	300

10,571

Chapters

1.	Mt.Vernon	F.C.Minkemer, 270 Huntington Ave., Boston 15	200
2.	Roslindale	E.E.Diettrich, 563 Weld St., West Roxbury 32	200
3.	Dorchester	R.P.Lane, 76 Radcliffe St., Dorchester 21	500
4.	St.Matthews	Alexander Campbell, 41 Marine Rd., S.Boston	200
5.	St.Paul's	J.E.Eaton Jr., 73 Tremont St., Boston	1170
6.	Mystic	J.S.W.Rogers, 30 Edgecliff Rd., Watertown	257
7.	St.Andrews	Room 403 Masonic Temple (via John Reid)	350
8.	Menotomy	Vernon C. Littlefield	325
9.	Hebron of Norwood	- George M.Ellis, 575 High St., Westwood	340
			3542

Councils

1.	Boston	J.J.Mick, 300 Lake St., Belmont 78 but send to Dooley Press, 96 Broadway, Boston	900
2.	Winthrop	C.L.Root, 52 Beach Rd., Winthrop 57	50
3.	Hyde Park	George M.Ellis, 575 High St., Westwood, Mass.	200

1150

3/3/53

37 Blue Lodges 10,571
 9 Chapters 3542
 3 Councils 1150
 49 15,263

March 2, 1953.

Mr. Clyde Tyler,
Catalog Printing Co.,
368 Congress St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Clyde:

^{#35}
Add Union-Dorchester Lodge, W. F. Freeman,
121 Homer St., Newton Centre 59 400.
^{#36} *Josh Warren Fm Ryder, 55 Haver St Milton 86* 224

In addition to 3542 to 9 Chapters, and 1150 to
3 Councils, and 600 to Boston Commandery and the Grand
Commandery, this makes 10,317 to 36 Blue Lodges.

Hastily,

R. S. Wilson

Answered
3-6-53

WILLIAM GODFREY
301 SOUTH HUNTINGTON AVENUE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Godfrey is very pleased to accept the kind invitation to be a guest on April 13th at the Boston Commandery K.T.

And wished to inquire if any card of admission is necessary to present at the door for admission?

I would appreciate an answer to this request.

Gratefully yours

William Godfrey

Postage
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by
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ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR., Chairman
ROOM 601, 51 BOYLSTON STREET,
16
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



YORK RITE FESTIVAL
Monday, April 13, 1953 at 7:45 p.m.

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HONORED GUESTS

Ill. Arthur G. MacKenzie, Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

M. E. Alexander Campbell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter *OF MASS.*

M. E. Eugene B. Hamilton, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. *OF MASS.*

Rt. Em. Frederick Kennedy, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Mass. and R. I.

Most Worshipful Thomas S. Roy, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts

Merely mailing this card — NO POSTAGE NECESSARY — will assist the Committee.

Name

Bud - Better get proof of this card. Can see you had, as printed Monday, as to proof of it.

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12 Bold caps

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Honored Guests: 8 Caps

Capt. Bold

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Ill. Arthur G. Mac Kenzie
Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

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Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter

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face

Most Worshipful Thomas S. Roy
Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

Merely mailing this card - NO POSTAGE NECESSARY - will assist
the Committee. Name _____

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AP

Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr., Chairman
Room 601, 51 Boylston Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

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Boston Commandery, No. 2, K. T.
Boston, Massachusetts

Room 601
51 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

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Sincerely,

R. H. G. Wilamp.

Past Master of Joseph Webb Lodge
Past High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter
Past Illustrious Master of Boston Council
Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar.

Dorchester P. A. Chapter
Elph. P. Lane, Sec'y
76 Adelaide St.
Dorchester 21, Mass
(500) invitation cards

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Secretary
41 Marine Road
South Boston, Mass.

St. Matthews Royal Arch Chapter

Instituted June 9th, 1863

Regular Convocations, Second Monday

584 Columbia Road, Dorchester 25, Mass.

February 14, 1953

Robert G. Wilson Jr.
20 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Bob:

Please send 200 inserts to be mailed with Chapter notices; re York Rite Night, Boston Commandery, April 18 next.

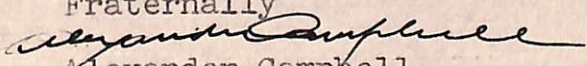
This happens to be the regular monthly meeting of St. Matthews Chapter for April, but we can do a little advertising just the same.

I see that we will meet in St. Paul's Chapter Tuesday evening, at Carver's Reception. I notice that St. Paul's is having an off year as regards applications, perhaps the boys are tired this year and need a little needling.

Boston Commandery will appreciate your interest in their behalf, they too, must accelerate their pace if they would continue to be the vanguard of the Templar Hosts.

May success and victory attend you, as in the days of yore

Fraternally


Alexander Campbell
Secretary, St. Matthews

Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter

FREDERICK C. MINKEMER
Secretary

270 Huntington Avenue
Boston 15, Mass.



Telephone
Copley 7-1237

171 WARREN STREET, ROXBURY, MASS.

February 10, 1953

Mr. Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.
20 Beacon street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Em. Sir:

received your letter this
morning and in reply to same, would say-

200 cards would be ample

this number would take care of those living
in and about Greater Boston.

Our membership is 365, balance
of members live in many states and far distant
from Boston.

Fraternally

Frederick C. Minkemer
Secretary



Roslindale Royal Arch Chapter

February 12 1953

Mr. Robert G. Wilson Jr.
20 Beacon Street
Boston 8
Massachusetts;

Dear Sir Knight Wilson,

In reply to your letter regarding York Rite Festival to be held on April 13 1953 at Masonic Temple Boston Mass. Roslindale Royal Arch Chapter will be most happy to cooperate in enclosing invitations in the March Convocation notice.

We could use 200 invitations.

Fraternally yours,

Emil E. Diettrich

Emil E. Diettrich

BOSTON COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

JOHN J. MICK

Recorder

915 MASONIC TEMPLE

BOSTON 16

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

INSTITUTED



A. L. 5817

Dear Gardner, Hope this finds you enjoying
good health and things going well.

Gardner, we would need 900 for our
Mailing list in Boston Council and I
would be very pleased to have them
inserted in our March notice. Please
send them to Dooly Press, 96 Broadway

Boston (16).

In closing, I send best wishes and all the
good luck possible on this worthwhile undertaking

Sincerely
J. J. Mick

St. Paul's Lodge, H. & A. M.

INSTITUTED 1847

43 River Street, Dorchester, Mass.

SECRETARY

LOUIS E. WINCHELL, SR.

OFFICE

24 NO. MARKET STREET
CA 7-5255 BOSTON

HOME

11 FAIRMONT PLACE
MA 2-5281 MALDEN

Malden, Mass.
February 10, 1953

Dear Brother Wilson? Jr.,

In reply to your letter, just received, it will be a pleasure to send your kind invitations to about 110 of our members, within reasonable distance from Boston and to those, thought able to attend.

Fraternally yours,

Louis E. Winchell, Sr.
Secretary.

42 Quincy Street
Arlington 74, Mass.
Feb. 13, 1953

Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
20 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

As peryour request regarding the inserts to go out with the next Communication of our Lodge Notices, Fourth Estate Lodge will be pleased to cooperate with you.

You may send us 250-275 cards and we shall insert them in our next Notice.

R. W. Dugald MacCallum
42 Quincy Street
Arlington 74, Mass.

Sec. Fourth Estate Lodge

(Note--By R. W. John E. Halvorsen, for the Sec. who is in the hospital at the present time but expects to be home in time to care for the next notice.)

John E. Halvorsen



Zetland Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, MASS.

Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr., Esq.
20 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Dear Worshipful Brother,

I have counted up the number of our members who reside in the Boston District and find that one hundred and eight will cover our needs. I will be very happy to enclose these cards of invitation with our April notices. Our notices go out on the first of April so there will be plenty of time to reserve the evening of April 13th.

We will be grateful for these cards and I am thanking you for this courtesy to our members.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Evan H. Goodale
Secretary.



Revere Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Boston 15, Massachusetts

H. FRANK SPURR
SECRETARY

20 HEMENWAY STREET
COPLEY 7-4016

February 10, 1953

Mr. Robert G. Wilson,
20 Beacon St.,
Boston.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter regarding the Commandery festivals, we could use about seventy-five tickets. We have that many members in and near Boston, but if that is too many to ask for, please reduce the number.

Fraternally yours,

Secretary.

Boston Commandery, No. 2, K. T.

Boston, Massachusetts

*Bethesda will be pleased to cooperate.
Send me 250 inserts by return mail
as March notice soon to be released*

ROOM 601
51 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Brother:

WALTER W. WEEDEN
728 Beaver St.
Waltham 54, Mass. ♦

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Sincerely,

W. H. G. Wilson

Past Master of Joseph Webb Lodge
Past High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter
Past Illustrious Master of Boston Council
Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar.

WOR. HAROLD C. MOREY, SECY.
17 HARRIET AVENUE
BELMONT 79, MASS.

MEETINGS
FIRST FRIDAY IN EACH MONTH

MOUNT OLIVET LODGE, A. F. AND A. M.
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

February 10, 1953.

Dear Gardiner:-

I have your letter regarding the York Rite Festival to be held on Monday, April 13th, and would say that I think it an excellent idea to try to interest Brothers in the York Rite Bodies.

Mount Olivet Lodge has about 325 members residing in Massachusetts who are available to attend if they so desire, and I would be happy to enclose the cards suggested in the lodge notice for either the March or April Meeting whichever you think would be the most advisable.

The April meeting would come before your event, as we meet on the first Friday in the month.

Fraternally yours,

Harold C. Morey

Secretary.

Past Master of Mount Olivet Lodge
Past High Priest of Cambridge Chapter
Past Illustrious Master " Council
Past Commander of Cambridge Command

Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge
A. F. and A. M.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
CAMBRIDGE 39, MASSACHUSETTS

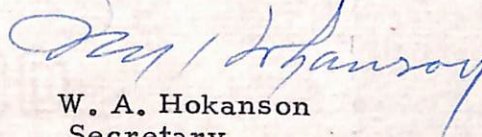
February 11, 1953

Mr. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
20 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Bro. Wilson:

In accordance with your request contained in a recent undated letter I received from the Boston Commandery, No. 2, K.T., you may send me three hundred of the small card invitations to the York Rite Festival, for mailing with my March communication, which will go out March seventh.

Fraternally yours,


W. A. Hokanson
Secretary

WAH:nc

Winthrop Lodge,



A. F. and A. M.

SECRETARY
ALBERT E. WHITNEY, P.D.D.G.M.
960 SHIRLEY STREET
WINTHROP, MASS.
TELEPHONE OCEAN 2209

INSTITUTED IN 1887

WINTHROP, MASSACHUSETTS

February 11, 1953

Wor. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
20 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

, Replying to your letter, just received,
relative to the number of members in Winthrop Lodge,
would say that 600 will cover my membership mailing
list and that I will be very glad to co-operate in
the matter.

Fraternally yours,

R.W.

Albert E. Whitney
Secretary

JOHN SANTORO
SECRETARY
18 TREMONT STREET
BOSTON, MASS.
TEL. CAPITOL 7-2292



ALFRED M. FALCIONE
MASTER
32 COLLAMORE STREET
MILTON, MASS.
RES. TEL. BL 8-6221
BUS. TEL. KI 7-6900
EXT. 170

REGULAR MEETINGS
THIRD TUESDAY
MASONIC TEMPLE
BOSTON, MASS.

February 11, 1953

Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
20 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

In Re: York Rite Festivals
April 13, 1953
Masonic Temple, Boston

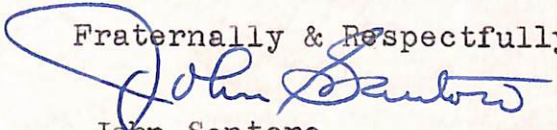
Dear Judge Wilson:-

As Secretary of Hesperia Lodge, A.F. & A.M., I deem it an extreme honor to co-operate in any manner concerning the above-entitled matter.

Therefore, at your earliest convenience, will you mail me 200 invitation cards which I will gladly enclose in our March regular communication.

With best regards, I remain

Fraternally & Respectfully yours,


John Santoro

JS:mdm

HARRY O. BAKER, SECRETARY
40 WESTMOUNT AVE.
WEST ROXBURY 32, MASS.
TEL. PARKWAY 7-4103-M

Gate-of-the-Temple-Lodge

A. T. & A. M.

REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS, FOURTH TUESDAY
MASONIC APARTMENTS, 584 COLUMBIA ROAD
DORCHESTER 25, MASSACHUSETTS

February 11, 1953

Mr. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.,
20 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge your letter of recent date regarding a York Rite Festival. Kindly be advised that I would be very pleased to insert in our March Communication a small card of invitation which you will provide. Our March communication will probably go out around the sixth to a membership of around 450

Faternally yours

Harry O. Baker
Secretary.



CHARLES F. NEWCOMB, SECRETARY
34 WILLOUGHBY ROAD
MILTON 87, MASSACHUSETTS

RESIDENCE
BL-8-4555

February 11, 1953

Mr. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.,

Dear Bro. Wilson,

I have your communication regarding the York Rite Festival on April 13th. I would be pleased to put in our notices for March a card of invitation as you request.

We have now 380 members and if you wish to send us that many cards we will see that they are put in the notices for the March meeting.

Yours Fraternally,

Chas. F. Newcomb

Secretary

WELLESLEY LODGE
A. F. & A. M.
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

45 Brookfield Road
Wellesley, Mass.

Dear Wor. Bro. Wilson:

I am glad to comply with your request of recent date to inclose in our next notices the cards of invitation to the York Rite Festival scheduled for Monday , April 13.

As there would be no point to including those members of Wellesley Lodge who live some distance from this area, I think that about 375 cards would be enough,

Fraternally yours,

George A. Gibson

Secretary, Wellesley Lodge

February 13, 1953

1947 - 1948
Senior Warden
Ralph B. MacCutcheon
34 Newport Street, Arlington
Arlington 4938-J

Junior Warden
Charles G. Daniels
20 Lee Street, Medford
Mystic 0359-J

Treasurer
Howard E. Wemyss
106 Payson Road, Belmont
Belmont 0206

John Abbot Lodge

A. F. & A. M.



Somerville, Mass.

Worshipful Master
HARRY W. BOWL
11 Avon Street, Somerville
Somerset 1538

Secretary
Seward E. Nichols
63 Eustis Street, Arlington
Arlington 3988 — Prospect 2600

Service Committee
Ralph B. MacCutcheon, Chairman
34 Newport Street, Arlington
Arlington 4938-J

Frank L. Gibby, Secretary
73 Morrison Avenue, Somerville
Prospect 4369

February 14, 1953

Mr. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
20 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother Wilson:

In reply to your recent communication regarding the York Rite Festival, which is scheduled for Monday evening, April 13th, please be advised that we can use approximately 630 invitations which we will gladly include with our April Communication, which will go in the mail about March 27th.

This coverage will take care of all our members in greater and Metropolitan Boston. If you will have these sent direct to me I will gladly see that the printer gets them in ample time to make the insertion.

Fraternally yours,

Seward E. Nichols
Secretary.

Regular Communications
First Tuesday of each month
MASONIC APARTMENTS
Gilman Square
Somerville

Boston Commandery, No. 2, K. T.
Boston, Massachusetts

Room 601
51 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

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Sincerely,

Wm. G. Wilcox

Past Master of Joseph Webb Lodge
Past High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter
Past Illustrious Master of Boston Council
Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar.

500 Cards
Caproni Lodge
Dorchester
Wm. P. Lane
Sec

ERNEST R. MOORE, Sec'y
349 Gray Street
Arlington 74, Massachusetts

RUSSELL T. HAMLET, Treas.
15 Victoria Road
Arlington 74, Massachusetts

Russell Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

INSTITUTED MAY 4, 1923
ARLINGTON 74, MASSACHUSETTS

February 13, 1953

Mr. Robert A. Wilson, Jr.
20 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother Wilson:

I am in receipt of your letter inviting
Masons to attend the York Rite Festival on Monday evening,
April 13, at the Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston.

I have discussed this matter with the Master and we are
in accord with your suggestion.

We have approximately 475 members in Russell Lodge.
My mailing list, however, runs 615 notices and since we use
permit mailing it is necessary that all notices be identical.

If you wish to forward this number of cards I shall be
pleased to insert them with our April notices which should
be mailed about March 27 th.

Cordially and fraternally,

Ernest R. Moore

Secretary

THE MASSACHUSETTS LODGE

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

CONSTITUTED 1770

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

G. FRANK PIERCE
SECRETARY
60 CLEARWAY STREET
BOSTON 15

February 14, 1953

Com. 6-5562

Mr. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
20 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother Wilson:

In answer to your letter regarding the announcement of the York Rite Festival, Monday evening, April 13th, I will please to comply with your request and enclose a small card of invitation to each brother. Such card of invitation to be enclosed with our March notice. My procedure is to stencil envelopes by March 1 and mail them to our printer so that he can prepare for mailing by March 5th. The printer's name is John MacFarlane & Co., Inc. 324 Union Street, Lynn, Mass. I have already instructed the printer to mail our March notice on the night of March 5.

I assume that your invitation will be mailed only to Brethren living in Massachusetts. Then again perhaps it should go to all brethren, regardless of their address, so that all may see what is going on in Masonic affairs.

We now have a membership of 206, and 46 members live outside of Massachusetts. Will you be able to have the cards in my hands before March 2nd. If that is not possible and you wish to send to all brethren, the cards should be in the hands of the printer by March 4th.

Please call me by telephone at my place of business, The New England Trust Co. Hancock 6-8005, extension 335, whether the cards will be available by March 2nd or March 4th at the printers.

May I wish to you and your Commandery Associates a pleasant and successful evening on April 13.

Fraternally yours,

G. Frank Pierce



Mount Tabor Lodge

A. F. & A. M.

Masonic Temple

51 Baylston Street, Boston, Mass.

16 Cora Street,
Winthrop 52 Mass.,
February 14, 1953.

Wor. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Bro. Wilson:

Your letter of recent date regard to the York Rite Festival has been received.

We are a small lodge and I think that about 125 cards would be ample to insert in our notice for our March Communication to be held on March 19, 1953. I shall be most happy to insert them in my notice. We generally plan on getting it out about the fifth of the month.

Assuring you our fullest cooperation I remain,

Cordially and fraternally yours,

Harold G. Ray

HAROLD G. RAY

P. M. Mount Tabor.

P. S. Winthrop R. A. Chapter.

Member - Palestine Commandery # 10

PROSPECT LODGE, A. F. & A. M.

MASONIC TEMPLE

8 BELGRADE AVENUE
ROSLINDALE, MASS.

LEON V. STONE, SECRETARY

~~81 BRADFELD AVENUE~~

~~ROSLINDALE, MASS.~~

280 PARK STREET
WEST ROXBURY 32, MASS.

Feb. 14, 1953

Rt. Em. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.,
20 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

R.E. and dear Brother:

In re your request to insert
invitations to a York Rite Festival in the Notices of
Prospect Lodge, I will be glad to do so.

Our membership is just under 600,
approximately 590 or so at the moment. The March notice
will be mailed about Feb. 25. Inserts should be mailed to
my home address.

Courteously and fraternally

Leon V. Stone



~~PAUL C. WHITNEY, SECRETARY~~

~~41 TOWNSEND ROAD~~

BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE, BELMONT 5-~~1923~~ 2021-M

Wor. Robert Gardner Wilson, Jr.

20 Beacon St. Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I shall be glad to insert your card of invitation to the York Rite Festival in Belmont Lodge's next Notice. Please send 600 cards, so I may insert one in each Notice to our members.

Our March Notice must be mailed not later than Feb. 21, 1953.

Very truly yours,

Arthur G. Mize

Arthur G. Mize, Secretary

12 Franklin St.

Belmont 78, Mass.

BLUE LODGES

St. John's Boston

Lodge of St. Andrew

The Massachusetts

Columbian

Winslow Lewis

Revere

Joseph Warren

Amicable

Lodge of Elusis

Mizpah

Richard C. MacLaurin

Charity

Joseph Webb

Putnam

Rabboni of Dorchester

Macedonian of Milton

Union

Union-Dorchester

Washington of Roxbury

Eliot of J.P.

Dorchester

West Roxbury

Milton

Hesperia

Beth Horon of Brookline

Ebenezer Fuller-Brighton

Beaver of Belmont

Ira M. Conant, 110 State St., Boston 9

Benjamin A. G. Thorndike, 50 Congress St., Boston 9

G. Frank Pierce, 60 Clearway St. Apt. 6, Boston 15

Harry W. Morgan, 138 Highland Ave., Somerville 43

Thomas O. Paige, 91 Bay State Rd., Boston 15

H. Frank Spurr, 20 Hemenway St., Apt. 27, Boston

Francis M. Ryder, 55 Howe St. Milton 86

Leonard H. Hicks, 35 Pemberton St., Cambridge 40

Frank A. Pinkham, 69 Washburn Ave., Auburndale, Mass.

Chester W. Whitney, 788 Mass. Ave., Arlington 74

Wolcott A. Hokanson, M.I.T., 48 Mass. Ave., Cambridge

Thomas E. Baker, 19 Bailey Rd., Arlington 74, Mass.

Chester M. Dunham, 2 Chesterbrook Rd. Waltham 54

Irving C. Langley, 580 School St., Belmont, Mass.

Ralph P. Lane, 76 Radcliffe St. Dorchester 21, Mass.

Charles F. Newcomb, 34 Willoughby Rd., Milton 87

~~John Lee, 52 Cummings Rd., Brookline~~

Wendall R. Freeman, 121 Homer St., Newton Center 59

George A. Brackett, 175 Warren St., Roxbury, 19

Robert W. S. Cox, 1381 High St., Westwood, Mass.

Norman W. Hay, 302 Forest St., So. Weymouth, Mass.

Richard F. Carle, 83 Blue Hill Terrace, Milton 87

Everett L. Walker, 44 Cedar Terrace St., Milton 86

John Santoro, 18 Tremont St., Boston 8

Matthew S. McNeilly, 92 Lancaster Ter., Brookline

Hubert B. Dunbar, 12 Ridgmont St. Allston 34

George R. Giles, 248 Washington St. Belmont 78

Wellesley	George A. Gibson, 45 Brookfield Rd. Wellesley 81
Bethseda	Walter W. Weeden, 728 Beaver St., Waltham 54
Prospect	Leon V. Stone, 280 Park St., West Roxbury 32
Hiram	George P. Langton, 25 Fuller Rd. Lexington 73
John Abbott-Somerville	Seward E. Nichols, 63 Eustis St., Alrlington 74
Mt. Olivet	Harold C. Morey, 37 Harriet Ave. Waverly 79
Zetland, Boston	Evan G. Goodale, Box, Monponsett
The Harvard-Cambridge	Stanley L. White P.O. Box 201, Essex Station, Boston 1w
Boston University	Emil W. Miller, 29 Commonwealth Ter., Brookline 46
Mt. Tabor	Harold G. Ray, 16 Cora St. Winthrop 52, Mass.
Fourth Estate	Dugald MacCallum, 42 Quincy St., Arlington 74
Winthrop	Albert W. Whitney, 960 Shirley St. Winthrop 52
Algonquin of Dorch.	Ralph N. Hurlburt, 78 Willow Ave., Wollaston 70
Loyalty of J.P.	O. Ricker Freeman, 100 Memorial Dr., Cambridge
Lafayette of Roxbury	Albert E. Richwagon, 279 High St. Medford 55
King Solomon	George G. Walker, 23 Lennon Rd., Arlington 74, Mass.
Mt. Herman	Adam Murray, 14 Harrison St. Reading, Mass.
Soley	Ernest R. Rogers, 59 Hall Ave., West Somerville 44
Mystic Valley	Wallace Young, 10 Wyman Court, Medford, Mass.
Belmont	Arthur G. Mize, 12 Franklin St. Belmont 78
Isaac Parker-Waltham	George Hopkins, 210 Ash St., Waltham 54, Mass.
Baalbec - E. Boston	George C. Eldridge, 17 Puritan Rd. Somerville 45
Faith - Charlestown	John M. Gilchrist, 166 Eutaw Ave. Lynn, Mass.
Major Gen. Henry Knox	Roger A. Vint, 70 Cedar St. Malden 48
Saint Pauls-Dorchester	Louis F. Winchell, 11 Fairmount Pl. Malden 48
Somerville-W. Somerville	Arthur R. Kinder, 26 Josephine Ave. W. Somerville 44
Sagamore-W. Medford	Winslow R. MacElhiney, 102 Summer St., Medford
Samuel Crocker Lawrence	Adin B. Bailey, 3 Wildwood Ter, Winchester
Brookline-Brookline	Henry S. C. Cummings, 33 Oak Hill St., Newton
Gate of Temple	Harry O. Baker, 40 Westmount Ave., W. Roxbury, Mass.
Russell-Arlington	Ernest R. Moore, 349 Gray St., Arlington 74

CHAPTERS

St. Paul of Boston

St. Andrew of Boston

Mt. Vernon of Roxbury

Roslindale of Roslindale

Dorchester of Dorchester

St. Mathews of So. Boston

Somerville of Somerville

Belmont of Belmont

Menotomy of Arlington

Winchester of Winchester

Mystic of Medford

Cambridge of Cambridge

Signet of Charlestown

Norfolk of Hyde Park

John E. Eaton, Jr., 73 Tremont St. Boston 8

Jesse E. Ames, 403 Masonic Temple, Boston 16

Frederick C. Minkemer, 270 Huntington Ave.
Boston 15

Emil E. Diettrich, 563 Weld St., W. Roxbury 32

Ralph P. Lane, 76 Radcliffe St. Dorchester 21

Alexander Campbell, 41 Marine Rd., So. Boston 27

Donald H. Hatheway, 90 Walton Park, Melrose 76

J. Harold Parry, 8 Newbury St., Boston 16, Mass.

Vernon W. Littlefield, 62 Fisher Rd.,
Arlington 74, Mass.

George B. Cumings, 25 Mystic Ave., Winchester

James S. W. Rogers, 30 Edgecliffe Rd. Watertown

Charles F. Albert, 42 Avon St., Cambridge 38

Elerson P. Hardy, 25 Vinewood Rd., Milton 86

Frank L. King, 111 West St., Hyde Park 36

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Boston

Hyde Park

Winthrop

Orient of Somerville

Cambridge

John J. Mick, 300 Lake St., Belmont 78, Mass.

George M. Ellis, 575 High St., Westwood, Mass.

Carl L. Root, 52 Beach Rd., Winthrop 52, Mass.

Ernest K. Rogers, 59 Hall Ave., W. Somerville 44

Irving C. Langley, 580 School St., Belmont 78

January 23, 1953

James C. Bayley, Esq.,
326 Commonwealth Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Jim:

1. Rehearsal Night, Monday April 13, when we have the hall reserved in any event, would seem to be the best night for our York Rite Festival. I have written the heads of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery to reserve the date. We should be prepared to put on the Inspection and Review.
2. It will be well to provide a soloist, or quartet to sing a number between each two talks.
3. We should arrange for a collation in entire banquet hall (stand up) following the meeting. Would appreciate your or Harold promptly making arrangements that banquet hall will be available after 9:30 P.M. that night.
4. It might be well to arrange for the Shrine Festive Four, or our accordion player to be available. Possibly I can sell Potentate MacKenzie the idea of providing either the Festive Four, or the Chanters for the evening. It would be an excellent spot for Shrine publicity, this being a York Rite night sponsored by the largest Commandery, by far, in Aleppo's area, and the gathering of York Rite Masons being calculated to be comprised of possible future Shriners throughout Metropolitan Boston.
5. I shall at once line up a form for card of invitation to be provided by Boston Commandery for mailing out to appropriate Chapter membership, and Christian Blue Lodge membership, as well as the Council, in the suitable area. In some areas the expense of these nights is shared by the local Chapter, Council, and Commandery, but in our case I believe we are big enough to handle it and incidentally control the meeting, and in addition we are in a somewhat different situation than a Commandery in a local area such as Newton, or Worcester, or Quincy. Harold makes the excellent suggestion to have a return address and Government Permit postage insignia on it so we will have some outside estimate of attendance.

James C. Bayley, Esq.

January 23, 1953.

6. Also, we shall require registration cards, to be filled out by those who attend. From these a key list of names and addresses is made up for assignment to members of a Membership Committee in the follow up work to be done this year and next. When they are printed the enclosed is about the right form and size.

7. I plan a letter to the Secretary of each eligible Chapter, Council, and Blue Lodge requesting advices as to the number of members on the mailing list of each, so we may deliver cards for mailing in their March notices.

8. For the above purpose I'd like addressed envelopes to the Secretary of each of the following Chapters:

St. Paul's of Boston
St. Andrews of Boston
Mt. Vernon of Roxbury
Roslindale of Roslindale
Dorchester of Dorchester
St. Mathews of South Boston
Somerville of Somerville
Belmont of Belmont
Menotomy of Arlington
Winchester of Winchester
Mystic of Medford
Cambridge of Cambridge
Signet of Charlestown
Norfolk of Hyde Park

~~All but Arlington and
Winchester are in our own
jurisdiction.~~ OK

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9. Likewise I'd like addressed envelopes to Recorder of each of the following Councils:

Boston
Hyde Park
Winthrop
Orient of Somerville
Cambridge

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10. And for the Secretary of each of the following Blue Lodges.

St. John's of Boston
The Lodge of St. Andrew
The Massachusetts
Columbian
Winslow Lewis
Revere
Joseph Warren
Amicable
The Lodge of Elusis
Mizpah
Richard C. MacLaurin
~~Amicable~~
Charity
Joseph Webb

Rabboni of Dorchester
Macedonian of Milton
Union
Washington or Roxbury
Eliot of J. P.
Dorchester
West Roxbury
Milton
Hesperia
Beth Horon of Brookline
Ebenezer Fuller of Watertown
Beaver of Arlington
Wellesley
Bethseda

PUTNAM.

Prospect

James C. Bayley, Esq.

Mount Olivet
Zetland
The Harvard
Boston University
Mount Tabor
~~Henry Price~~
Fourth Estate
Winthrop
Algonquin of Dorchester
Loyalty of J. P.
Lafayette of Roxbury

~~Dorchester~~
Belmont
Isaac Parker

~~SAINT PAULS~~
BAALBEC
FAITH
MAJOR General Henry Knox
SAINT PAULS

January 23, 1953.

Brookline
GATE OF THE Temple
RUSSELL

11. Strike out as many of the above Chapters, Councils and Blue Lodges as you desire, but let me have the list of those you wish to be covered. I believe the Chapters should all be covered and probably all the Councils. We must include a fair proportion of Blue Lodges, since this is a York Rite Night; and as a matter of fact those most likely to attend will be Blue Lodge men if we can judge by Quincy, Pittsfield, and similar meetings. The above is a stiff list, and will run into some money for the cards. But many of the bodies may not agree to insert the card. And we must be sure of a respectable crowd. Maybe we'll be overwhelmed. I'd rather have that than be snubbed.

12. In case there should be overflow requirements maybe we should ascertain if either of the other two halls is available April 13. It's for you to decide whether you wish to really dig into this, or just play with it. I'll be glad to follow your desires.

This should all receive prompt attention.

Sincerely,

W. G. Wilson

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS OF STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS

Name of Commandery		Standing			Membership in		Net Change in		Number	Number
		Membership	Attainment	1946	1949	1950	5 years	1 year	Petitions 1950	Knighted 1950
St. John's	No. 1	4	11	715	647	651	- 64	4	60	32
Boston	2	1	10 9	837	939	976	139	37	82	80
Newburyport	3	19	30	208	247	258	50	11	15	15
Washington	* 4	41	44	142	129	125	- 17	- 4	3	3
Worcester County	5	2	2	610	628	698	88	70	90	87
Springfield	6	6	14	505	512	522	17	10	33	34
De Molay	7	5	1 5	482	572	629	146	57	90	80
Holy Sepulchre	8	12	12	362	363	368	6	5	22	12
Pilgrim	9	13	16	339	317	331	- 8	14	23	21
Palestine	10	26	28 22	180	197	201	21	4	6	11
Milford	11	34	15	142	147	159	17	12	17	11
St. Bernard	12	50	21 28	81	75	79	- 2	4	7	7
Calvary	*13	3	37	717	677	672	- 45	- 5	20	19
Haverhill	14	16	38	301	324	318	17	- 6	16	8
Old Colony	15	35	32 31	144	156	157	13	1	8	6
Sutton	16	8	9 8	323	404	411	88	7	26	27
Bethany	17	31	32 32	143	158	164	21	6	10	8
Winslow Lewis	18	27	20	162	187	192	30	5	7	9
Jerusalem	19	21	29	238	234	239	1	5	12	15
Hugh de Payens	20	7	1	333	351	467	134	116	131	123
St. Omer	21	14	41	322	332	329	7	- 3	8	9
Berkshire	22	23	25 23	183	212	220	37	8	15	15
Connecticut Valley	23	38	36	136	136	137	1	1	4	4
Woonsocket	*24	45	51	135	119	116	- 19	- 3	2	1
Godfrey de Bouillon	*25	49	47	111	99	97	- 14	- 2	2	2
Joseph. Warren	*26	24	49	235	222	213	- 22	- 9	6	7
Narragansett	*27	32	45	163	166	160	- 3	- 6	3	3
Bristol	29	22	21 25	228	220	236	8	16	19	20
Northampton	30	43	35 34	118	117	121	3	4	8	6
South Shore	*31	39	48	140	136	132	- 8	- 4	2	2
Trinity	32	29	27 26	163	173	174	11	1	15	15
Natick	33	42	13	116	108	123	7	15	19	17
Coeur de Lion	*34	17	43	335	322	315	- 20	- 7	11	9
Gethsemane	35	11	8 10	260	358	387	127	29	29	38
Olivet	36	10	19	381	396	404	23	8	17	15
Athol	37	40	39	117	132	130	13	- 2	4	3
Bay State	38	9	8 7	405	397	405	0	8	25	23
Cyprus	*39	44	50	121	124	118	- 3	- 6	4	4
St. Paul	40	47	26 24	109	104	106	- 3	2	6	6
Beauseant	41	15	17	315	312	320	5	8	19	18
Cambridge	*42	33	42	176	162	160	- 16	- 2	6	6
Bethlehem	43	36	31 35	122	145	154	32	9	12	13
Orange	45	51	46	64	74	70	6	- 4	2	4
Ivanhoe	46	28	22 21	146	180	187	41	7	16	15
Quincy	*47	18	40	320	321	313	- 7	- 8	7	7
Temple	48	37	5 4	129	145	153	24	8	20	17
St. Andrew	49	46	31 33	103	108	113	10	5	6	7
Reading	50	20	1 3	208	236	253	45	17	26	25
Thomas Smith Webb	51	30	18	154	164	165	11	1	14	9
Sir Galahad	52	25	8 6	192	199	211	19	12	20	18
Winthrop	53	48	28 27	89	96	105	16	9	14	12
TOTAL				12760	13279	13744	15 Lost	15 Lost	1040	957

*SUMMARY: 15 Commanderies show *net loss* for five years 1946-1950; 15 show *net loss* for one year 1949-1950; 11 Commanderies show *net loss* for both 5-year and 1-year period. 1949 net gain was 173; 1950 net gain is 465—the largest net gain in 26 years, and only 54 less than *total* net gain for entire five years previous.

September 3, 1957

One other item. There are really three approaches to obtain candidates. One is to try to comb the existing membership of Chapters & Blue Lodges. This is the ideal approach but the obstacles are almost insurmountable, especially with unfriendly Secretaries, and a majority of such membership have lost Masonic interest even in the lower body. A second method is the more effective,--to flush out possible latent prospects through the York Rite Nights. There is a third method, and that is to go after new member in Lodges & Chapters, these men are more likely to be young or at least interested. There should be a definite Sir Knight in each Commandery with the sole job of obtaining monthly the Lodge, Council, and Chapter notices in that Commandery's area. These prospects are new blood, and should be listed and kept after. Your Membership Committee might well have a Vice Chairman in charge of New Applications; he should have one Sir Knight in each of the 50 Commanderies responsible for obtaining each monthly Lodge, Council, and Chapter notice in the area.

Another Vice Chairman might well be in charge of checking every new Scottish Rite notice, going through the list, and checking which of the Christian Scottish Rite candidates are not already in the York Rite. Such names should be allotted to the appropriate Commanders.

There is a lot of work to be done. We can actually help only such Commanderies as really want to be helped.

We can't attain results without live wire workers. They can be rather well unearthed by carefully checking which among the 50 Commanderies this past year showed real activity, irrespective of the size of the Commandery. It's all right to urge that we should fight for each of 50 Commanderies. Possibly we might work up to that. But to make the initial effort worth while we must first hit the highspots. Plans are wonderful; but we must not attempt the impossible. Unless the patient is willing to fight for his life, the doctor can't do much; unless a Commander is prepared to do some real work himself, we can't help his Commandery, and for quick results we should concentrate on patients who are willing to fight in their own behalf. I refuse to hold hands with any dead man.

Sincerely,

R. G. Wilson Jr.

RGW:mb

Dwight C. Page

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September 3, 1957

After a York Rite Night I compiled from the cards signed by those present a list of Chapter eligibles, Council prospects, and especially Commandery prospects. As Grand Commander I wrote each a letter personally. Certainly letter of Dec. 27, 1949 after the Berkshire Commandery event, marked 8, was a thrill. It was direct evidence of what was accomplished.

Following each of the York Rite Nights I wrote letter marked 9 to the Commander of the sponsoring Commandery. Some profited thereby. Gethsemane obtained 72 out of 88 Chapter prospects who attended their York Rite Night.

I have been over your list of Regional Sub Divisions, and they are excellent. A Membership Vice Chairman might well be named for each,--preferably the Commander whose Commandery last year disclosed the best activity for its size.

But a York Rite Night by regions would not be feasible. The successful York Rite Night is sponsored by one Commandery, with the cooperation of Chapters, Councils, and Lodges in the jurisdiction of that one Commandery. I believe we should first plan to promote such Nights by the largest Commandery in each region, or some one Commandery which really wishes it.

My suggestion would be that I draft a letter to be sent the Commander of each one of our 50 present Commanderies stating that a York Rite program is being set up, explaining somewhat in detail (as per letter #5) and requesting prompt reply from such Commanderies as desire to be included in the initial plans. Such a Commandery must be prepared and willing to give full cooperation, including assumption of the expense of (a) cards or fliers for mail-out by Secretaries of allied Chapters, Council, and Lodges (b) expense of soloist or quartet (c) ability to put on full inspection and review (d) expense of collation,--perhaps coffee and doughnuts. Lastly, it is all wasted effort unless the Commandery is prepared to follow up such a meeting by assignment of prospect names for follow up by members of a special Committee. In this, as in all activities, the Commander is absolutely the key man; if he is not a live wire the meeting is wasted effort.

I personally believe Templary must be pushed or our Order will die on the limb. You seem to have that belief. Our big shots are standing inactive while Templary slowly bleeds to death with no real effort to effect any new blood transfusions. Eliminate a dozen key men in the area, who are natural candidate getters, and the result would be disastrous. De Molay was slowly washing away till Johnnie Mick got going.

September 3, 1957

Dwight C. Page, Esq.
22 Alden Ave.
Shrewsbury, Mass.

Dear Dwight:

I have given a lot of thought to this membership drive, especially the York Rite angle.

I intend to talk at length with Bill Clark.

I have the good luck to find my folder with all important items on membership etc. while I was Grand Commander.

1. Shows the situation at the close of my year. 1950 marked the largest number of applications in the 26 years since 1924, and it has not been equalled since,--33 long years;--this may be the year. The 1950 net gain was the largest in 26 years, and only 54 less than the entire net gain for the entire 5 years previous
2. Gives some interesting data on Commandery strength & weakness. It would be interesting to note any changes.
3. On Nov. 3, 1950 I wrote a detailed explanatory letter to my successor suggesting some rating ideas.
4. Shows my official rating of all Commanderies for the year.

Now as to York Rite Nights which I believe I proved are of paramount importance. I held 25 of them and personally spoke at every one. The enclosed letter to the Commander (Bayley) of Boston Commandery, marked 5, outlines the procedure. We hit a bad weather night. There were 740 total reservations sent in; we had less than half that number present. From reservations and cards handed in by those present I have a list of 365 possible prospects,--193 of whom attended. The invitation cards which were supplied for mailing in Chapter, Council, and Lodge notices is marked 6.

Number 7 is a letter I wrote to various Secretaries in the Boston Commandery area for a York Rite Night on April 12, 1952.

Memorandum from

DWIGHT PAGE

Grand Commander



Jan. 25, 1958.

Gardiner:

Am trying to use every means and approach possible to avoid the net loss we seem to be heading for this year unless things start to break our way soon.

Reduction of suspensions and demits seems to offer some possibilities and as a matter of information think you will be interested in the enclosed tabulations I worked up to see what the picture was. It's not good.

Am sending out an Official Letter and Order next week on the subject. Another letter will follow a few days after the first to show relative standings. Hope it will open eyes to the need for more than casual attention.

As a further thought, and inasmuch as only 15% of those suspended and demitted have been reinstated what do you think about going to work to get some of the other 85% back in the fold ?

Wouldn't it be a good idea to have Jim Bayley list those suspended and demitted in the last three or four years and send the lists to the several Commanders as potential reinstatements ?

Dwight 

1-78-58

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS 1948-1957 INC.

Name of Commandery		SUSPENSIONS	DEMITS	TOTAL SUS + DEMITS	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL DUES	ANNUAL DOLLAR LOSS AS OF 2-1-57	% S - D To '57 MEMBERSHIP
34	ST. JOHN'S No. 1	17	45	62	648	494.-	9.56
11	BOSTON 2	115	75	190	1221	1900.-	15.56
37	NEWBURYPORT 3	9	16	25	300	250.-	8.33
16	WASHINGTON 4	7	8	15	108	90.-	19.88
26	WORCESTER COUNTY 5	35	45	80	719	800.-	11.22
31	SPRINGFIELD 6	25	27	52	508	520.-	10.23
30	DE MOLAY 7	36	45	81	788	810.-	10.27
40	HOLY SEPULCHRE 8	14	12	26	362	260.-	7.18
10	PILGRIM 9	23	23	46	294	506.-	15.64
2	PALESTINE 10	18	27	45	192	450.-	23.43
24	MILFORD 11	7	12	19	158	171.-	12.02
39	ST. BERNARD 12	0	7	7	93	280.-	7.52
42	CALVARY 13	6	35	41	635	246.-	6.45
43	HAVERHILL 14	13	11	24	373	192.-	6.43
47	OLD COLONY 15	4	5	9	189	45.-	4.76
41	SUTTON 16	17	18	35	530	245.-	6.60
1	BETHANY 17	17	25	42	136	420.-	30.08
36	WINSLOW LEWIS 18	10	8	18	200	144.-	9.00
29	JERUSALEM 19	14	16	30	282	300.-	10.63
38	HUGH DE PAYENS 20	6	39	45	597	405.-	7.53
6	ST. OMER 21	23	33	56	321	448.-	17.44
28	BERKSHIRE 22	11	14	25	232	125.-	10.77
15	CONNECTICUT VALLEY 23	12	9	21	147	147.-	14.28
32	WOONSOCKET 24	1	16	17	168	153.-	10.11
25	GODFREY DE BOUILLON 25	6	7	13	115	91.-	11.30
9	JOSEPH WARREN 26	4	24	28	169	280.-	16.56
46	NARRAGANSETT 27	2	8	10	193	50.-	5.18
17	BRISTOL 29	15	19	34	249	204.-	19.65
20	NORTHAMPTON 30	7	7	14	106	112.-	13.20
4	SOUTH SHORE 31	8	21	29	154	232.-	18.83
19	TRINITY 32	12	13	25	188	150.-	13.29
45	NATICK 33	5	7	12	208	72.-	5.76
44	COEUR DE LION 34	8	13	21	341	147.-	6.15
8	GETHSEMANE 35	30	50	80	476	800.-	16.80
50	OLIVET 36	7	9	16	437	112.-	3.66
27	ATHOL 37	3	11	14	129	84.-	10.85
49	BAY STATE 38	8	10	18	392	126.-	4.59
14	CYPRUS 39	7	16	23	157	161	14.64
5	ST. PAUL 40	13	8	21	113	210.-	18.58
12	BEAUSEANT 41	14	33	47	318	376.-	14.82
35	CAMBRIDGE 42	3	11	14	155	140.-	9.03
23	BETHLEHEM 43	4	15	19	148	190.-	12.83
13	ORANGE 45	7	2	9	61	54.-	14.75
48	IVANHOE 46	2	10	12	255	84.-	4.70
3	QUINCY 47	14	47	61	291	732.-	20.96
18	TEMPLE 48	5	22	27	198	162.-	13.63
33	ST. ANDREW 49	6	8	14	144	98.-	9.72
22	READING 50	7	32	39	300	351.-	13.00
21	THOMAS SMITH WEBB 51	11	13	24	183	240.-	13.11
7	SIR SALAHAD 52	16	14	30	173	240.-	17.34
TOTAL		664	1001	1665	14848	14,839.-	

1-18-1958

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	Position	COMMANDERY	PER CENT 3YD TO 1957	MEMBERSHIP
ST. JOHN'S	No 1	BETHANY #17	30.88	136
BOSTON	2	PALESTINE 10	23.43	192
NEWBURYPORT	3	QUINCY 47	20.96	291
WASHINGTON	4	SO. SHORE 31	18.83	154
WORCESTER COUNTY	5	ST. PAUL 40	18.58	113
SPRINGFIELD	6	ST. OMER 21	17.44	321
DE MOLAY	7	SIR GALAHAD 52	17.34	173
HOLY SEPULCHRE	8	GETHSEMANE 35	16.80	476
PILGRIM	9	JOSEPH WARREN 26	16.56	169
PALESTINE	10	PILGRIM 9	15.64	294
MILFORD	11	BOSTON 2	15.56	1221
ST. BERNARD	12	BEAUCEANT 41	14.82	318
CALVARY	13	ORANGE 45	14.75	61
HAVERHILL	14	CYPRUS 39	14.64	157
OLD COLONY	15	CONN. VALLEY 23	14.28	147
SUTTON	16	WASHINGTON 4	13.88	108
BETHANY	17	BRISTOL 29	13.65	249
WINSLOW LEWIS	18	TEMPLE 48	13.63	198
JERUSALEM	19	TRINITY 32	13.29	188
HUGH DE PAYENS	20	NORTHAMPTON 30	13.20	106
ST. OMER	21	THOM SMITH WEBB 51	13.11	183
BERKSHIRE	22	READING 50	13.00	300
CONNECTICUT VALLEY	23	BETHLEHEM 43	12.83	148
WOONSOCKET	24	MILFORD 11	12.02	158
GODFREY DE BOUILLON	25	GOD de BOUILLON 25	11.30	115
JOSEPH WARREN	26	WORCESTER CO. 5	11.22	713
NARRAGANSETT	27	ATHOL 37	10.85	129
BRISTOL	28	BERKSHIRE 22	10.77	232
NORTHAMPTON	29	JERUSALEM 19	10.63	282
SOUTH SHORE	30	DEMOLAY 7	10.27	788
TRINITY	31	SPRINGFIELD 6	10.23	508
NATICK	32	WOONSOCKET 24	10.11	168
COEUR DE LION	33	ST. ANDREW 49	9.72	144
GETHSEMANE	34	ST. JOHNS 1	9.56	648
OLIVET	35	CAMBRIDGE 42	9.03	155
ATHOL	36	WINSLOW LEWIS 18	9.00	200
BAY STATE	37	NEWBURYPORT 3	8.33	300
CYPRUS	38	HUGH de PAYENS 20	7.53	597
ST. PAUL	39	ST. BERNARD 12	7.52	93
BEAUCEANT	40	HOLY SEPULCHRE 8	7.18	362
CAMBRIDGE	41	SUTTON 16	6.60	530
BETHLEHEM	42	CALVARY 13	6.45	635
ORANGE	43	HAVERHILL 14	6.43	373
IVANHOE	44	COEUR de LION 34	6.15	341
QUINCY	45	NATICK 33	5.76	208
TEMPLE	46	NARRAGANSETT 27	5.18	199
ST. ANDREW	47	OLD COLONY 15	4.76	189
READING	48	IVANHOE 46	4.70	255
THOMAS SMITH WEBB	49	BAY STATE 38	4.59	392
SIR GALAHAD	50	OLIVET 36	3.66	437

TOTAL

1/12/58 SUSPENSIONS + DEMITS - ANNUAL LOSSES - CUMULATIVE TOTALS

House of Commendary		1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	CUMULATIVE TOTAL	ANNUAL LOSS
ST. JOHN'S	No. 1	7	6	5	5	3	9	4	2	10	11	315	72
BOSTON	2	17	15	24	19	15	8	11	22	17	42	946	102
NEWBURYPORT	3	—	3	—	4	5	3	3	5	1	1	130	102
WASHINGTON	4	—	1	—	—	4	3	1	1	3	2	63	62
WORCESTER COUNTY	5	2	4	1	7	5	16	4	6	6	29	298	102
SPRINGFIELD	6	3	4	9	4	4	9	7	—	6	6	281	102
DE MOLAY	7	4	3	1	12	2	11	13	7	8	20	335	102
HOLY SEPULCHRE	8	1	3	2	2	3	—	3	2	6	4	119	102
PILGRIM	9	5	7	2	2	2	7	5	5	7	4	243	112
PALESTINE	10	2	—	3	4	3	2	9	5	14	3	182	102
MILFORD	11	2	—	—	—	5	1	6	3	2	—	92	92
ST. BERNARD	12	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	30	402
CALVARY	13	2	4	1	—	8	1	—	7	14	4	170	62
HAVERHILL	14	—	—	2	2	1	4	—	4	7	4	86	82
OLD COLONY	15	1	1	1	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	63	62
SUTTON	16	2	3	4	3	1	3	5	7	2	5	171	72
BETHANY	17	1	2	—	7	6	6	5	5	7	3	196	102
WINSLOW LEWIS	18	—	1	5	2	1	4	2	1	1	1	103	82
JERUSALEM	19	1	3	2	4	6	1	5	3	4	1	160	102
HUGH DE PAYENS	20	3	1	4	2	5	5	4	2	8	11	189	92
ST. OMER	21	6	8	5	8	6	6	8	4	3	2	346	82
BERKSHIRE	22	1	—	2	1	4	—	2	—	6	9	86	52
CONNECTICUT VALLEY	23	1	3	—	3	2	1	1	—	4	6	93	22
WOONSOCKET	24	2	3	—	1	2	—	4	1	3	1	93	92
GODFREY DE BOUILLON	25	—	3	—	2	—	1	2	1	3	1	64	72
JOSEPH WARREN	26	2	3	6	2	4	2	2	1	4	2	164	102
NARRAGANSETT	27	1	—	1	1	2	—	—	1	1	3	45	52
BRISTOL	29	5	7	—	2	5	1	—	5	3	6	189	62
NORTHAMPTON	30	—	—	—	5	1	2	3	1	—	2	68	82
SOUTH SHORE	31	4	1	4	4	2	8	1	2	2	1	176	82
TRINITY	32	3	1	5	1	4	1	4	4	2	—	147	62
NATICK	33	—	1	1	—	2	1	1	1	2	3	48	62
COEUR DE LION	34	1	3	1	—	7	1	3	2	3	—	116	72
GETHSEMANE	35	3	5	2	9	14	5	11	6	14	11	364	102
OLIVET	36	—	—	—	—	1	—	12	1	2	—	61	72
ATHOL	37	1	—	1	3	1	—	4	2	1	1	70	62
BAY STATE	38	—	1	2	—	1	2	4	2	3	3	72	72
CYPRUS	39	—	1	6	5	1	6	—	1	3	—	137	72
ST. PAUL	40	4	—	—	1	2	3	1	5	2	3	101	102
BEAUSEANT	41	9	3	5	6	4	1	1	2	5	11	259	82
CAMBRIDGE	42	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	—	1	88	102
BETHLEHEM	43	—	3	—	2	2	—	3	5	1	3	85	102
ORANGE	45	—	—	5	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	50	62
IVANHOE	46	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	1	1	5	39	72
QUINCY	47	5	7	7	8	4	5	14	5	4	2	355	122
TEMPLE	48	1	3	3	3	1	3	3	5	4	1	139	62
ST. ANDREW	49	—	1	—	2	2	3	—	5	—	1	66	72
READING	50	4	4	3	2	5	7	6	5	3	—	223	92
THOMAS SMITH WEBB	51	1	3	1	4	1	2	3	4	3	2	121	102
SIR GALAHAD	52	2	2	1	2	11	—	4	3	1	4	157	82
TOTAL		112	130	130	161	173	159	187	167	207	239	8194	

<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>1924</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>8/31- 1956</u>
Grand Chapter	40,724	22,591	24,662
Grand Council	15,544	6,687	6,610
Grand Commandery	26,375	12,916?	14,760
Grand Lodge	120,119	107,657	130,904
<i>Manuscript</i>	9,673	9,634	15,771
Applications for the Orders of Knighthood 1950		1040	
Knighthood 1950	957		

MEMBERSHIP FOR GRAND COMMANDERY

1950	13,744
1951	13,956
1952	14,272
1953	14,457
1954	14,572
1955	14,723
1956	14,760
1957	14,848

Dear Eminent Sir:

The matter of new membership continues to give your Grand Commander cause for grave concern, especially when it is noted that Templary in our jurisdiction lags considerably behind encouraging growth elsewhere in many parts of the United States.

1. Letter of September 13, addressed to all Eminent Commanders, requested the name and address of a Sir Knight in each Commandery responsible for monthly compiling of complete list of new applications borne on the notices of each Blue Lodge, and Chapter in the jurisdiction of the Commandery. As of January 13,--four months later,--the request has been complied with by Commanderies 5, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38, 39, 43, 47, 48, and 52,--a total of 19. Such lists comprise the names of valuable brand new prospects for York Rite membership.
2. It is hoped that valuable list of new Blue Lodge and Chapter members in your area, created during the past two years, which was forwarded you on November 13, has been assigned to active workers in your ranks for early contact.
3. In recognition of the value of York Rite Nights, the following dates have been reported: Oct. 1 Thomas Smith Webb at Cranston, Nov. 14 Haverhill, Dec. 18 Winslow Lewis at Salem, Jan. 17 Bethany at Lawrence, Jan. 30 Worcester County, and April 16 Boston Commandery.

Your Grand Commander, our Division Commanders, and the Membership Committee, stand ready to actively assist in any and all efforts to swell the banks of Templary in this jurisdiction.

When you were honored by election as leader of your Commandery the installation ceremony included an admonition to every Sir Knight in the ranks: "Sir Knights, behold your Commandery. Bear ever in mind that the prosperity of your Commandery will as much depend on your support and obedience, as on the assiduity, fidelity and wisdom of your Commander. Be ye therefore ever diligent and faithful in the performance of your respective duties."

As your Grand Commander I ask only that same loyal and active support of every Eminent Commander in the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. During your year as Commander of your Commandery YOU are the key man. YOUR personal devotion to your Commandery, and to Templary, will be the measure of our common success or failure in the performance of the duties and responsibilities we have respectively agreed to undertake. I know you will not fail that trust.

Jan 14. Connecticut Valley at Fairfield.



The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

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Massachusetts and Rhode Island

LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN

Division Commander

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX, MASSACHUSETTS~~

P. O. Box 2

New Boston, Massachusetts

April 16, 1958

To: R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page, Grand Commander

From: E Sir Louis A. Beaudoin, Grand Sword Bearer

Subject: Knight Templar night.

Place: Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Date: Friday, April 4, 1958

Occasion: Regular monthly meeting of Pittsfield Lodge, Archibald Foster, Worshipful Master, Membership approximately 250.

Request: Master requested Berkshire Commandery, Em Sir Eugene O. Raisck, Commandery to present inspection and review. Also requested a speaker on the Templarery.

Speaker: R. E. Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr., Part Grand Commander.

Suite: Purposely confined to Division Commander, Speaker and Deputy Grand Warden, E. Sir Gerald F. D. Reichley.

Work of the Evening: Lodge closed-Berkshire Commandery -- review by Suite and Master of Lodge.

Completion: In Great Barrington-visitation of D. G. Master, North Adams -- State Police nite in Blue Lodge.

Attendance: Approximately thirty men in uniform--forty members of Lodge-- Several already members of Berkshire Commandery.

Results: Four brothers signed immediately for Chapter, (5th has promised) on first step to becoming Knight Templars. Two Chapter members signed for Commandery.

Thanks: From Em Commander and Grand Sword Bearer to R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner, Wilson Jr., for an unforgettable and forceful talk that really closes.

Thanks Bob
Louis

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Peabody, Massachusetts

May 22, 1958

Mr. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
20 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Rt. Em. and Dear Judge Wilson:

Now that the results of our York Rite Night have been observed, it is time to set down our opinions. From every aspect it is a success.

1. One Royal Arch Mason who signed up is now telling others the Commandery is the best Masonic work he has ever had. This alone was worth the effort.
2. Our Commandery met its quota, our Council had thirteen candidates, and our Chapter had nine. While putting on a "stretch drive" for candidates, I have promise of sixteen new members, and several other Royal Arch Masons who would like to go.
3. From this latter fact it seems logical to conclude that whereas our membership is the primary goal, it should be a continuing plan rather than a turn on and turn off arrangement as new leadership arrives. I plan to support the increase in per capita assessment if it is to be used for promotional purposes.

I noticed several who did not attend our York Rite Night had returned cards. Several who did attend had their cards with them. If I can get them to sponsor another York Rite Night, I think we will have a tear-off ticket for a reminder.

Again my thanks to you for your outstanding work and to Right Eminent Dwight Page for renewing this program.

Courteously yours,



Commander

Winslow Lewis Commandery No. 18, K. T.

BWC:bgc



PROBATE COURT FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

JUDGES
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ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
EDMUND V. KEVILLE

February 3, 1958

Clayton F. Fisher
73 Cherry St.
Spencer, Mass.

Dear Eminent Sir:

Congratulations on a very well-run York Rite Night. Enclosed is copy of letter I shall send out in April following Boston Commandery York Rite Night on 4/16. You can change it somewhat, but either you or Dwight Page should send out a similar letter to each of the guests whose cards you have showing membership in a Chapter, but not a Commandery. I would enclose a blank application.

I shall also send such a letter to each Blue Lodge guest who is neither Chapter nor Commandery enclosing one of our duplicate applications.

Hastily,

R. G. Wilson Jr.

RGW:mb



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GEORGE A. WEEKS, P.G.C.

Grand Recorder

205 MASONIC TEMPLE

BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

Tel.: HAncock 6-1973

November 15, 1957

To THE EMINENT COMMANDER

Eminent and Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of R.E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the Membership Committee of this Grand Commandery K.T., we are enclosing herewith:

Letter No. 1 - Suggested form to be sent by Commanders to Secretaries of the BLUE LODGES, CHAPTERS and COUNCILS when a YORK RITE NIGHT is being sponsored in your area.

Letter No. 2 - Suggested form, flyer or card to be furnished to the Secretaries of the BLUE LODGES, CHAPTERS and COUNCILS, if and when requested. (This form should be furnished by the sponsoring bodies.)

Your HONORED GUESTS - in Massachusetts

Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter
of Massachusetts

Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select
Masters of Massachusetts

Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island (or their representatives)

- in Rhode Island

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Masters of Rhode Island

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Massachusetts and Rhode Island (or their representatives)

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

GAW:Enclosures

Dear Brother:

You no doubt are already wholly familiar with so-called York Rite Festivals, which are a most effective program to interest Master Masons in the York Rite. Our Grand Lodge has wisely ruled that these Festivals constitute a legitimate Masonic activity, and so long as they are confined to recognized Masonic Bodies, the full cooperation of our able Blue Lodge Secretaries may be confidently expected.

During 1950 no less than 25 such Festivals were held in chosen locations throughout the jurisdiction, and invariably proved to be interesting, entertaining, and unusual Masonic affairs. Innumerable Blue Lodge brethren personally expressed their appreciation for the opportunity not only to spend a pleasant evening of fraternal sociability but to learn in a friendly spirit, and briefly, something about the further story and teachings of the York Rite,--- frequently referred to as the American Rite.

Sponsored by Commandery of Knights Templar a
York Rite Festival has been scheduled for evening,
at the Masonic Temple,

Invitation by card is being extended to all Blue Lodges, Chapters, and Councils in the area. We expect to hear briefly from the Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, and Grand Commander. There will be entertainment and a collation.

Secretaries and Recorders have been fraternally cooperative in a willingness to insert in their monthly notice next preceding the event a small card of invitation to the York Rite Festival, supplied, in the required number, by the sponsoring Commandery. May I respectfully request how many cards would be required for insertion in your notice or communication? I assure you I shall be personally most grateful for your early response in enclosed stamped envelope, and such cooperation as you may find it possible to render.

Sincerely,

YORK RITE FESTIVAL

195 at 7:45 P.M.

You are cordially invited to be the guest of
K.T. at a York Rite Night to be held at Masonic Temple,
Street,

Commandery,

Brief remarks by the distinguished Masons listed below, uniformed
Inspection and Review by Commandery, and
entertainment by will be followed
by fraternal fellowship and a collation.

HONORED GUESTS

Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter
Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M.
Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Mass. & R.I.

Merely mailing this card -- NO POSTAGE NECESSARY -- will assist
the Committee.

Name _____



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Janaury 21, 1964

George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder
51 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear George:

Enclosed find Jan. 16, 1964 letter from Em. Sir Der Gara-
bedian, live-wire Commander of Haverhill Commandery, with
reference to contemplated York Rite Night in Haverhill late
in March on Friday the 20th or 27th.

Arrangements should be made promptly through Bill Clark to
check best dates for a representative of both the Chapter
and Council, in conjunction with a speaker from the Grand
Commandery. Please advise the Haverhill group.

As you know, I personally will not be available for a num-
ber of reasons, Friday nights have always been out for me
in view of Patrol drills. Also this year, as earlier stated
I concluded that some of the present Grand Commandery line,
or more recent Grand Commanders, should begin to take over
the assignment. After some 12 years of York Rite Night ac-
tivity even I realize that one Wilson has been somewhat of
an old story!

You remember, that with some such thought in mind, last Octo-
ber I went out on a limb for Em. Sir Frankland W. L. Miles,
feeling that an active and interested Sir Knight with his
acknowledged speaking ability would be a distinct asset in
this type of service. It was decided that he was by no means
needed; obviously we already have plenty of splendid material
readily available.

Fraternally,

R. G. Wilson Jr.

RGW:mb
Enc.